

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:4.
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"Joy to the World the Lord Has Come" Christmas and New Year Greetings to One and All!

THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS Not of Catholic Origin

F. J. Lee

In the year 180-192 there was a little band of Christians assembled in a little church house to celebrate the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem. We do not know on what order the celebration was carried on, with the exception that the history states that they had a festival. They perhaps sang songs and gave recitations pointing to the birth of Jesus. There isn't any doubt that they were a happy little band, they were so glad that Jesus came to this world, so this was a very great event with them. They perhaps gave a special dinner for the poor as the very name festival indicates, and gave gifts, in fact they were having a very special occasion, but all at once their joyous celebration was frustrated when soldiers came at the command of the emperor, rushing into the church and seized the worshippers and bound them to stakes and burned them alive. This was the reign of Diocletian.

The above shows that from the very beginning of this gospel dispensation the Christians kept a birthday celebration in honor of the birth of Jesus. Ever since the day of this notable event the nations in general have on each succeeding year kept this feast. Many families have birthday parties in honor of the birth of their children, but the birth of no child has ever attracted the attention like that of the lowly Nazarene, tho' He was born of poor parents and in the most unfavorable circumstances the event stands out as the greatest in the history of the world.

There has been much conjecture as to the date of his birth. It is now understood that the time was four years previous to the time shown by our present calendar which would show to be 1929 instead of 1925.

Also there is a considerable difference of opinion as to the date of the month, some say the 20th of April, some say the 20th of May, some the 17th of November, some the 28th of March. Really I do not know that anyone knows the exact date, but there seems to be quite a great deal of evidence that December 25, is the date kept from the beginning.

A man by the name of Chrysostom, in a sermon delivered in the year 386 stated that some held the feast of Dec. 25 to have been held in the West, from Thrace as far as Cadiz, from the beginning. He further states, "It certainly originated in the West, but spread quickly eastwards."

The British Encyclopedia says, The earliest identification of the 25th of December with the birth of Christ was given by Theophilus in the year 171-183. The next mention was by Hippolytus. Jesus, he says, was born at Bethlehem on the 25th of December, a Wednesday, in the forty second year of Augustus.

SHOULD BE CELEBRATED IN A JUBILANT SPIRIT

We should be a happy people since we may meet unmolested to worship the once lowly Nazarene, but who today is exalted above all principalities and powers.

If He had not come to redeem

us, we today would have been in mid-night darkness of heathendom. Why should we not honor His advent into this world?

We should rejoice, make merry and give gifts and make many hearts glad because to this world has been given the gift of all gifts, a gift on which absolutely no estimation of value could we begin to place because He is worth all this world to a lost soul. There is nothing in this world that could be placed beside this gift for a comparison of value. Then what shall we do? Shall we not raise our hands and with a loud voice of acclamation hail the day that saw the first advent of King of glory into this benighted world?

During this week tens of thousands, yea millions of adherents to the Christian religion are making an effort to magnify the event of all events the birth of Jesus Christ. There will be thousands of recitations given; thousands will participate in songs of praise and adoration to His name and in memory of His birth. Millions of dollars will be spent for gifts, while doubtless many who do not need a gift will receive them, yet their hearts will be made glad to know that some one thought of them.

The first Christmas carol that I have ever heard of being sung, was by some heavenly beings as they came from behind the curtains of clouds of glory, and stood on an ethereal platform and sang to a congregation of poor shepherds. The title of their song was, "On earth peace, good will toward men." The whole hill side was lit up with heavenly glory; doubtless the heavenly choir was arrayed in the finest of heavenly apparel. An individual angel made the announcement to the congregation of shepherds, he told them in his speech that he was bringing to them good tidings, they were at first very fearful, but when the speaker announced that he had good tidings their (Continued on page 2)

THE WORLD'S SAVIOUR

The Christmas Christ is the world's Saviour. At this blessed season let us dedicate ourselves anew to the making known a world Saviour. We are told that in the city of Madras, India, there is a chapel on the wall of which there is the upper portion of a cross. On one transverse end of the cross there is a pierced hand, the skin of which is brown, after the color of the skin of the people of the East. On the other side of this section is another pierced hand, white, after the color of the skin of the people of the West. It is a glorious symbol of a world Christ. The inscriptions on the cross were written in Hebrew and in Latin and in Greek, the languages of the world. At this Christmas time let us dedicate ourselves anew to the work of making Christ known to the whole world. He is the only Peace-bringer for men and nations.—Selected.

Nineteen Hundred Years Ago

Vianna Free

'Twas not one year, 'twas not one month, nor was it yesterday, When Christ our Saviour came to earth, to bless the world for aye, But nineteen hundred years have fled, plus twenty-five we add, But after all, little time has passed, since HE was but a lad.

We read the story o'er and o'er of our dear Saviour's birth; We view the scenes upon the wall of how He came to earth, But after all our eyes can't see, nor can we comprehend The glory of our Saviour's birth, though crowded from the Inn.

However lowly was the place in which this child was born, While in a manger He was laid on that cold, December morn, The star appeared above Him, thus drawing the great and wise In awe and wonder all stood 'round, all Jerusalem was surprised.

King Herod was much alarmed, Three wise men were sent to spy, "Pray tell us what meaneth this, and what and where and why?" "We've seen the star on yonder's hill, behold it's gleaming rays! The Shepherd's were the first who saw, before the break of day."

Let joy, all men proclaim aloud, on mountain, hill and plain, That light unto the world is brought, come join the glad refrain; A child is born, the Savior given, Redeemer of the world, Peace, good will has been pronounced, let tidings of joy be hurled.

Nineteen hundred years ago, it seems but yesterday, When Christ our Saviour came to earth, who now is gone away, His stay was short, but His works complete, His glory we declare, 'Twill only seem but one short day, 'til we shall have gathered THERE.

Can we, as His own dear children say, and solemnly declare, That we have done our best for Him, His suffering to share; Since we have come to know His love, His goodness to partake Or do we hang our head in low disgrace, and say 'Tis all a fake?"

Had God permitted us to live as long as TIME shall last Could we look back in sad regret that God declared the fact, Or would we rush with eager hearts, and wish that time were longer, That we might declare the news with voices loud and stronger?

Can we shout aloud in joyful praise, "I've done my best for God." Or in regret shall we look back, o'er the path which we have trod And wish that days were as a year, that we might redeem the time, In which we've spent in idleness,—In warning humankind?

If this be true or be it not, your time and mine is short, In which to tell the world of Him; we're soon to judgment brought, Let us, on this glad Christmas day, now truthfully resolve, That we'll do more the coming year for the dear old Church of God.

In service true we proudly march, with sword and shield of faith, To tell of Christ the risen Lord, to the lost and fallen race; To tell of Him who died for us, made possible by His birth, We hasten forth to spread the news with hearts of joy and myrrh.

Results of the First Christmas, Was It a Blessing?

Joe Little

CHRISTMAS.—A festival of Christ's birth, which we find recorded in several places in the Bible but especially in the second chapter of Matt. and Luke.

In obedience to a decree of the King (Caesar Augustus) Joseph and Mary his espoused wife, went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth unto Judea unto the city of David which is called Bethlehem because he was of the house and lineage of David to be taxed.

When they reached the city they found the Inn (or Hotel) crowded so they had to find quarters in the stables, that were under the Inn, where the oxen and mules were fed.

While there at this place Jesus was born, and is believed to have been on the 25th day of December, B. C. 4. After His birth a multitude of the heavenly host made a flight toward the earth singing beautiful heavenly songs, while an angel appeared to some shepherds that were watching their flocks on the rolling hills outside the city of Bethlehem, saying unto them, "I bring you tidings of great joy which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ our Lord."

Then the heavenly host began praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will toward men."

The shepherds found the Babe and worshipped Him and rejoiced. The wise men, then saw a star that led them to Bethlehem to see Jesus, and rejoiced and gave gifts of myrrh, gold and frankincense and went

their way rejoicing for having seen Him.

Now we will notice the fourteenth verse of the second chapter of Luke: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

It seems that all of those who believed in Christ were happy on that day, thinking their Saviour and king had come to reign on earth. Of course they thought he would make a great king and they wouldn't be under the Romans any longer after He became old enough to ascend the throne; for it was prophesied of Him as being the King of the Jews. But to their surprise everything didn't turn out just like they thought it would, for Herod soon began a persecution against Jesus, and in trying to slay Him, he slew hundreds of infants, though the birth of Jesus had brought joy to them already, it also brought sorrow and grief.

Oh, it would have been a sad sight to have stood in the street of some city and see those heartless soldiers taking mothers' babies away from them and dashing them to pieces. Of course, many a mother's heart was broken; many a home was sad.

The birth of Jesus or the event of the first Christmas did not mean just what it seemed to, to the people for they had been just easing along under the law and thinking that when Jesus came He would restore the Jewish kingdom, but not so for in speaking of His kingdom it was in a sense spiritual.

Christ grew and soon became a man and at the age of 30 He was baptized by John and was (Continued on page 3)

Sound Abroad The Christmas Message

"The angel said unto them, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

Mrs. Nora Chambers

"Some one has well said, 'The message of Easter is 'Think of heaven,' the message of the Fourth of July is 'Think of our nation,' the message of Thanksgiving is 'Think of your blessings,' the message of New Year's Day is 'Think of the passing time,' but the message of Christmas says, 'Think of others.' Yes, the spirit of Christmas is the spirit of good will. It is the spirit of joy. It is the spirit of service. This is at least a part of its message, Think of others."

Let us not forget that Christmas is the birthday of Jesus. The parents of Jesus were poor, his home was not a palace, but a stable, his bed a manger filled with hay and in spite of His poverty and humility He was the only begotten of God, who left His throne in heaven above and came to earth in human form to live among the sin-bound people of this world. On the day of His birth the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. The shepherds, who were in the fields keeping watch over their flocks by night heard this beautiful singing.

Christmas is coming and at Christmas we naturally think of Jesus. For centuries the multitudes have heralded His praises. Jesus has been the theme of innumerable anthems, oratorios, and carols, and every year we are glad to join in singing the merry Christmas songs. We never grow weary of hearing the story of the baby who was born in Bethlehem, and whose mother laid Him in a manger, and we will continue to hear this beautiful story while the years roll on.

Christmas is a season that helps us to forget ourselves and

think of others. At this time men and women whose thoughts have been mostly of self are moved to think of others. It is more blessed to give than to receive and hearts are made happy in making others happy. There is a delight in seeing everybody happy.

A story is told that once when a Roman Emperor was passing through the streets of Rome in a triumphal procession, surrounded by attendants and soldiers a child came out of the crowd and ran toward him. The soldiers cried, "Go back, child! go back! he is your Emperor!" But the child replied, "He is your Emperor, but he is my Father!"

In the kingdom of God, Christ is not only our Prince of Peace, but also our Everlasting Father. He is our divine Lord and King, Ruler of men and nations. Let us bow to Him. Let us enthrone Him Lord of all. Joy to the world, the Lord has come! Tell it. Sing it. Shout it. Keep on telling and singing and shouting till the whole world hears. For the message of the Christmas Christ makes known the possibilities of the world's redemption.

The greatest need of the world today is men and women who will live as He did, sacrifice as He did and give their life to the world as He did, not only for the bliss of the eternal future, but for the joy of present service and sacrifice.

"Oh, happy is he that giveth Of his gifts unto the poor! For the smile of the blessed Christ is his, And his reward is sure."

Then ere another Christmas shall greet us, Chilling our frame with its cold, icy breath, May we have each done our best for the Master— Each one have saved some poor lost one from death."

GOD SUPPLIES NEEDS

KEY WEST, Fla.—I want to

CHRISTMAS INCREASING JOY

I have read of a man who had a crusty and unsympathetic friend whom he was anxious to win to a better life and feeling. To this man, whose inner nature had never yet been warmed by the glow and presence of Christ, the world seemed cold and matter-of-fact, with little room for the play of sympathy, and scant reason for sacrifice. When Christmas came, his friend, a man of larger vision, persuaded him to join with him in trying to make others happy with Christmas cheer. When the day was over, the crusty man was like another being. "Why," he said jubilantly, "there must have been a real joy for Christ in dying on the Cross!"

Oh to let the Christmas joy break through our selfishness! "Thou hast increased their joy!" It is the work of Christ, of the Christmas Christ, in the hearts and lives of men to greatly increase their joy. The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of service. The spirit of service brings joy. The act of service brings joy.—Selected.

report victory through the precious blood of Jesus, and am thankful to say that I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

God surely can supply our needs. It looked impossible for my husband and I to attend the Camp Meeting, but we prayed and He brought it to pass.

We would be glad to hear from anyone who would like to write to us.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lazo, 1225 Petronia St., Key West, Fla.

HE IS MY PHYSICIAN

QUINTON, Ala.—I praise God this morning for salvation and for what He is to me. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost and speak with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. I certainly do praise Him that He gives us grace to overcome and live a pure life right here, in this world. Thank the Lord. He is my physician as well as Saviour. Pray for me that I may ever stay at Jesus' feet, and be what He would have me be. Pray for my family.—Ida Chatman.

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We are pleased to inform our Sunday School Secretaries that all orders for Sunday School Literature are filled up to this date and if your order does not arrive as early as you think it ought to, it is possibly on account of the heavy mail during the holidays, therefore it will be necessary for you to be patient and hope for the best.

All of our readers will bear in mind that according to our custom there will be no EVANGEL for next week so please do not feel disappointed as it is customary to miss one issue the Assembly week and the last week in the year making 50 issues per year.

To all the officials, ministers, members and friends of the CHURCH OF GOD: We are pleased to send Christmas and New Year Greetings to one and all together with thanks and gratitude to the "ALMIGHTY GOD" for His watchful care over us during the year that will soon be in the past eternity, for the success of His Church along most every line and as we soon shall bid the Old Year goodbye we confidently turn to the year 1926 with the most earnest hope and vehement desire that it will be the greatest year in the history of the Church. With genuine love and fellowship for one and all I send you a hearty God bless you.

RENEW LICENSE

This is to notify the Evangelists that the time is at hand to renew your license. It would be well that you send them in at an early date so as to make sure of getting your 1926 license by the first of the year.

Be sure to place your address on the back of your old license and if you change your address before they are returned have your Post Master forward your mail.

If you are pastoring a Church, state this also on the back of the old license.

Remember that the State Overseer where your membership is, will have to place his signature on them, and it will take a little time to make the round back to your address.

F. J. Lee.

Praises God for Evangel

CLARKRANGE, TENN.—I have been reading the Evangel for over two years and it doesn't seem like I could do without it now, as I do not get to go to Church very often. We had a small church here 8 members but the enemy worked so hard and no one to preach, I think they have about all backslidden and we need someone here to preach very badly so some good minister would be more than welcome. I surely would like to see the church built up here and think it could be if we had regular preaching. I earnestly ask all the saints to pray that God will send someone here to carry on His work. Also pray for my sister, Minnie Hall, and myself that we might stand true as we both have a very hard time trying to live the life here. Pray for my husband that he might be reclaimed.

Mrs. Zona Codey.

NOTICES

FYFFE, Ala.—The Church of God at Fyffe, Alabama wants to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: Fletcher Garrett, Henry Smith, L. D. Chanie, Evin Brown, Sister Minnie Garrett, Pearl A. Wampers, Dona Chanie, Fannie Wood, Lillie Mae Wood, and Artie E. Walker.
 W. F. Miller, Clerk.

PELZER, S. C.—Be it known to all the Churches of God that A. J. Farmer and wife are no longer members of the Church of God. We do this for protection to the churches where he is trying or is likely to try to pass as a minister of the Church

of God.
 By order of the Church of God at Pelzer, S. C.
 C. W. Chastine, pastor.
 J. B. Turner, Clerk.

To All the Members of the Church of God at Gastonia, North Carolina:

We will have our regular quarterly business conference, second Saturday night in Jan. 1926. All members are requested to be present. Those out of town, please let us hear from you by letter. Address all letters to W. J. Dover, Clerk, East Gastonia, N. C.

Yours for the Master,
 J. M. Snyder, Pastor.

Saints Shouting the Victory

CRAB ORCHARD, Tenn.—I want to praise the Lord for salvation in my heart which is joy unspeakable and full of glory.

I surely thank the Lord for the Church of God at Crab Orchard, she is coming to the mountain top of God's glory.

A meeting was held here a few weeks past conducted by Brother Earnest Dilbeck of East Chattanooga in charge.

The Lord surely has blessed in this little town and the saints are still shouting the victory. We have the devil behind us and want to keep him there till we reach heaven's portals. I surely want to let my light shine so that others may see the way that leads from earth to glory.

There was a number saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Twenty-six received the baptism, twenty-eight followed the Lord in water baptism and twenty-four were added to the church.

Some of our older members have left to go and spend the winter in Florida, we trust God will bless their labor down there.

Jesus says for us to walk in the light as He is in the light and we will have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

I truly believe Brother Dilbeck was directed of the Lord to come to this place, for the people here had been praying for the Lord to send someone to conduct a revival and God said He would never turn a deaf ear to His children's cry.

How wonderful it is to be standing on the promises of God, though Satan is after us on every hand trying to drag our souls down to hell, but glory to God! He has said He would not allow us to be tempted above that we are able to bear and in every time of temptation He would make a way for our escape.

We have service here every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday night when our pastor isn't here. Most every service the power of God falls and we have a wonderful time.

Surely, we are expecting some of the gifts spoken of in 1 Cor. to be added to the dear old Church of God if we stay humble and true. I think we should earnestly contend for more faith, the faith that was once delivered to the saints, because it will take more faith to stand. We want to be up and doing while it is called the day for the night is coming when no man can work.

I have loved ones out in sin, who do not know Jesus, I ask that each one pray that God will bring them into His fold and pray for me that I may serve as seemeth best unto Him and never be ashamed to lift Him up wherever I go.—Gladys Barnes.

A MEMBER FROM BALDWIN PARK, CALIFORNIA

I want to praise the Lord this beautiful afternoon for all his goodness and mercy to me. I praise God for sending His precious Son, Christ Jesus to save that which was lost. Oh what love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God. What a privilege. I'm so glad the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin.

Thank Him for the peace He gives His children. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, as the world giveth, give I unto you."

Warning to Mothers

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Gal. 6:7.

No wonder in my mind that sin is abounding on every hand. Is she worthy the name of mother with her grey locks shingle bobbed, her skirt to her knee, her stockings rolled. O how it almost makes my blood curdle in my veins to see such. No wonder the devil has got our young generation and dragging them down to a never ending eternal punishment.

And Oh to think that some of our mothers in Zion (or should be) have the nerve to say, "I just can't do anything with my children." When my Bible says, Prov. 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it; again he said in Prov. 23:13, 14. Withhold not correction from the child; for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die, Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell."

I find the trouble is, they do not correct them when they are small because they are too sweet then and of course when they get a few years older: "My neighbors would think it would be awful to whip Sallie when she is about 14." Of course it would be a shame to put her off that long and then try to correct her. But mother in the face of these Scriptures, how can you neglect your child when God so plainly told you just what to do that they might be delivered from hell?

Listen, mother, you who profess the high standard of salvation, I fear that many will be turned away from the beautiful gate when your child faces you there and tells you that if you had obeyed God's good Holy Bible they would not be going to hell.

O the thought of mothers allowing their little girls to paint their cheeks, roll their stockings, wear their dresses to their knees, bob their hair and go with the roughest young man in the crowd. Mother, I will tell you the truth you need another dip in the fountain if you profess salvation and allow this. May God help our Church of God mothers to realize that they are just allowing their children to slip through their fingers and go down in dark despair.

Some will say, "My children just won't listen to me." Let me tell you mother, you can't make that child of yours serve God, but if you will live a good holy life before it, make it obey you, you can command it to respect you and the God you are serving.

May God bless and help our mothers to realize that we need to lift the standard high, for if world allows their girls to do, world allows their girls to do, how can we ever invite our neighbor and her girl to serve God?

Humbly, Dovie Coats, Springfield, Mo.

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." St. John 14:27.

I'm so glad I am one of His children, and that His blood covers all my past sins. What a wonderful, wonderful Saviour! Who died on the cross for me! Oh, that I might lead some poor wandering soul to Jesus is my daily prayer.

Mrs. Ella Ashley,

Count the Cost

"Every purpose is established by counsel; and with good advice make war." Prov. 20:18.

John E. Connatser

Let us notice the above Scripture for just a few minutes. First, we will notice the thought of the word purpose, in order to attain to anything of value we must purpose the thing in our hearts. Jesus said, For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?

Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him.

Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

Or what king, going to make war against another king sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? Luke 14:28-31.

We can gather from some of the above Scriptures that it is a good thing to purpose and then count the cost.

Another thought we get from Daniel when he purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, is that before Daniel became fairer than all the kings and princes he had something else to do besides purpose, which we will notice later on. But we will say right here there is no doubt but that if he had not purposed in his heart not to defile himself with the portion of the king's meat he would have helped himself to a big slice the first chance he got, but let us not forget that he "purposed." If we can get people to PURPOSE today it is not so hard to get them to do the rest, so we will consider that the most important thing is to PURPOSE.

Now the text says that every purpose is established by counsel. So after we have purposed to do a thing, the next step for us to take is to get that purpose established, for common sense, also the Scriptures, teach us that unless we have the purpose established by counting the cost and by counsel it is liable to be a failure. The text explains how this is done, without our going further.

The next thing we will notice is the word COUNSEL: The wise man said that in a multitude of counsellors there is safety, and of course that is what the world is crying today. "Safety! Safety!" People are spending thousands of dollars for safety of life, safety of houses, safety of property, and in fact every thing that they possess except their soul, which is the most important thing.

COUNSEL. Counsel with wife, counsel with friends, counsel with banker, counsel with lawyer, in fact they counsel with most every body except the one whose very name is Counsellor. "His name shall be called Wonderful, COUNSELLOR, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isa. 9:6. His name is not only Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Wonderful, but it is Counsellor as well. It seems to me if we need counsel we should go to Him. Some one might wonder if He is willing to counsel with them, I will say in regard to this that He is calling men and women to come and counsel with Him. My exhortation would be to get acquainted with this Counsellor of counsellors.

We will notice some of His other names for just a few minutes. "Wonderful." Doesn't that sound inspiring? Just imagine and think for a while, His very name is WONDERFUL, and I am glad I can say that I have gotten acquainted with Him and found Him to be WONDERFUL. Sure enough. Glory! It is wonderful to feel what I am feeling just now, His wonderful presence. Glory! Glory!! I feel like I will almost have to stop and praise the Lord for a while. Glory!

Another name we will notice—"Prince of Peace." Paul said in Rom. 14:17, For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy, in the Holy Ghost. And we get this joy and peace by

counselling with Him, there is nothing else that will bring it.

Now we must get back to the text again, which says that "every purpose is established by counsel." We might notice some of the benefits that may be obtained by having our purpose established. Of course we are talking about having a purpose to do the right thing and living for God and standing for the truth.

We will now notice Daniel again. He purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the King's meat:

And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my Lord the King, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse looking than the children which are of your sort? then shall ye make me endanger my head to the King.

Then said Daniel to Melzar whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hanaiah, Michael, and Azariah,

Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.

Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the King's meat; and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.

So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.

And at the end of the ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink, and gave them pulse.

As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. Dan. 1, 10-17.

Now we can begin to see what Daniel did besides purpose. He counseled with the right one to help him out in what he had purposed, and since we have read so much about Daniel being a praying man, we will naturally conclude that he took the matter up with God, and the results was that he not only gained favor with man but with God as well. I want to say that when we purpose to do the right thing God will come to our rescue every time.

Now if you will purpose in your heart to pay your tithes, trust God for your body, stand true to the Church of God, walk in the light, testify when you have the opportunity, forsake everything that looks ungodly, go to Sunday school, give offerings, pray for sinners, pray for the preacher while he tries to preach the Word; in fact do everything that is necessary to make you a true blue Church of God member; and counsel with Melzar, (the one who is over us in the Lord) and Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, (our brothers and sisters in the Lord) I am sure that the Lord will come to the rescue, and we will have the victory, and be able to shout when the preacher preaches on these subjects.

I will relate a little incident that happened in my Christian career. I was in a meeting one time and the preacher was preaching on style and fashion, and in the discourse he mentioned about men combing their hair straight back and said in substance "why don't you comb your hair like a man?" I happened to be one of the fellows that she was talking to, so I purposed in my heart that she would not preach at me any more on this subject. I part my hair on the left side now. Some one might say that is fanaticism and that there is no harm to comb the hair straight back, but I will say that it doesn't hurt me to part my hair on the side.

May God help us to get our purpose established.

TESTIMONY

I praise God for what He is to me; for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the blessed Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

I want to stay humble so He may use me at any time. He is my all in all. Pray for me.—Jennie Hughes, Chapmansboro, Tenn.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS

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 fear began to leave them; he also told them that it was tidings of great joy to all people, doubtless they were now becoming the more interested as the performance continued. They now find out that this glorious occasion of the assembling of the angels with the shepherds was to announce the birth of the glorious Son of God. The congregation now breaks up, and the angels return to their abiding places, but the shepherds decide to continue the meeting at another place, so they at once set out for Bethlehem where they find the child, Jesus, as the angels had announced, on finding Him and knowing that it was an absolute certainty, a reality and not a fake they began at once to preach Jesus abroad and to tell what they had heard and learned at the first celebration of the birth of Jesus.

I believe we should make our Christmas celebrations very attractive; the room or church building should not look dark and gloomy. We are not representing His death, but His birth; the speeches should be bright and pointing to the glad event, His birth: the songs should be joyous, not doleful, in fact the entire occasion should be one of a jubilant nature.

With joyous carols
 And jubilant mirth,
 Let us proclaim that
 Great event, Jesus birth.
 Not in shrouded gloom,
 And of a somber hue,
 But with glad hearts show,
 What the Saviour will do.

The Crucifixion of (our) Old Man

I feel the Lord wants me to write a few words to the Evangel for His glory. I can truly say there is therefore "now" no condemnation, for the blood is on my soul and the Holy Ghost abides, according to Acts 2:4.

We read in Rom. 6:6, "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." This chapter will tell you where you ought to live, and if you will get out of Egypt you can live in Canaan's land.

When the yoke of sin is broken, it brings joy to our soul, makes us shout, dance and even talk in tongues and quickens our mortal bodies. As long as you live in Egypt you can't have this experience, it doesn't belong to you yet. Go a little further in this chapter, dear reader. Rom. 6:12-13 says, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God."

This way is good enough for me. I praise the Lord for His precious Word, for victory over sin, for the joy in my soul, and for His healing power. I have had so much sickness, but since I came in this way I have been learning to trust God for the healing of my body. He has healed me many times.

I read in the Evangel how God is using Brother L. G. Rouse in praying for the sick, and I prayed for the Lord to let some miracle be done here in our midst for His glory. So on Monday a. m. Oct. 5 my hand was caught in the electric wringer. It turned black and was swollen so I could not bend three of my fingers, and the slightest touch felt like fire on it. I said, "Here is a chance for God to use this hand," and sent for Sister Bertha Weaver, and our deacon's wife, Sister Wm. Bobb, and we prayed for deliverance. The pain was so great, but God's power was greater and the Lord did the work almost instantly. In an hour or two I was working as ever, the second day I run the sewing machine and drove the car thirty-five miles without a pain. The bruise left before we were through praying.

I am glad I live in Canaan, are you? God still answers prayer, and performs miracles, too.

Pray that I may ever stand true and that He will save my companion.

Yours for Jesus,
 Mrs. Bonnie Sigler,
 Fostoria, Ohio.

Young Ministers Need Instructions

"He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers."

M. E. Drake

I am more than glad to report victory through the precious blood of Him who gave Himself for us and washed our sins away with His own precious blood. I feel like writing to the family of which I am a member, hallelujah, and my subject is surely a needed one, and there seems to be so many folks that think they can make it through without any help, and that Jesus is all the help that we need, well I will say that He is, but how does He help us?

I have been helping young ministers for the last three or four years and instructing them about different doctrines and helping them with the Scriptures and have had as high as eleven young ministers on my district; most all of them were converted under our preaching, and we are glad for every one of them. They could have gotten better training in the Bible School, but on account of finance and many other things, they had to do the best they could. Some of them are now able preachers and are pretty well up on the Bible, while there have been others who felt that they could make it through without any assistance, but we can see the difference.

We are all acquainted with Paul's statement in Eph. 4:11, "And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." It has been well said that most folks when first hatched are like a young wasp, larger when first out than any other time and many times we find some one who has been converted, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, they think they can run a great revival right off the reel and they get their calling to go and never converse with their pastor, nor elders about what they think is best. God is leading and they get out and make a good start, get a large tabernacle and fight against the devil a few nights; have good crowds, but a few more nights and he is preached out. Then he tries to preach the Holy Ghost to folks that do not know about repentance or sanctification and hits the church a rap, skinning with his skinning knife and the next thing he is ordered to leave the tabernacle and is called a failure. When a man is able to convince with the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ come along; they will say you are the same mess that was over here last year, then what are you to say. Well, he is a member of the Church of God, but not a minister, he is just on trial. God help us. Wisdom is needed. I know if we will separate our calling from our command to go, we will be better equipped men of God.

It is not that I am to criticize our beginners, no, but that we will not bring a reproach on the cause of Christ. If you will excuse me for referring to myself I will tell you how I got along in this way. I had been preaching under the impression that the Holy Ghost was to do the leading and teaching and that I didn't need to do any thing, I didn't need anyone to teach me, nor be biased by any one man, and that the church was in heaven and all such stuff. Wouldn't I have made a fine preacher under such impressions as that? How came you that way Brother Drake? I was taught it. I was one of the come outers. But listen right here—when the right thing came along—the Church of God, I began to see that I needed something and needed some teaching. Now I had been preaching some for probably two or three years. There was a nice band of us with the church in heaven, and the Holy Ghost our leader. When we heard the truth we accepted it and they put me in on trial for a deacon. I served the church three years preaching three or four sermons per week and would venture away a few miles to help in some street work and took instructions from our pastor and studied hard all the time not only the Bible, but the min-

utes and other clean literature, books, history of the apostles and other books. I learned the books of the Bible by memory and when I had an opportunity to preach and knew they were depending on me, I would get my subject and learn the different passages by memory, and every position that I have filled I have done my best. The Church had placed me there. I never asked to be a deacon nor to be ordained. I left it up to the state Overseer and the pastor. I never mentioned it at all and when they saw fit to ordain me they did it, and the same way about the other place I have tried to fill. I am not seeking office, but I am seeking to please them that have the rule over me. I know if I please the Master and strive for a closer walk with God that I can please my elders. Now after so long a time we are able to defend the gospel with the Word; infidels do not bother us any longer. We have the truth and know it, while we have hit some of the hardest questions in life, but God has always made a way. Not like the brother one time that was asked the question concerning the Bible, and he said, "It's none of your business." I do not believe God wants us to answer in a way like that, do you?

Back to the teachers a moment and I will quit. We will all acknowledge that God has always used human instrumentality in doing all things since He made man. For instance man became one of them, and God placed him in the garden of Eden to dress and take care of it, and if he does not operate in the same way; well, then we just as well quit, for He can save the world without us.

For instance he used Noah in saving the righteous in Noah's time. Noah built the Ark by the instruction of God.

He used Abraham to save Lot when carried away by the enemy. Gen. 14.

He used Joseph to preserve life. Gen. 45-5.

He used Moses to deliver Israel. Exodus 3:8.

He used Joshua to overthrow the walls of Jericho. Joshua 6:20.

He used Gideon to overthrow the Midianites and Amalekites. Jud. 7.

He used Samuel to take the place of Eli the Priest. 1 Sam. 3.

He used Samuel to anoint Saul. 1 Sam. 15.

He used David to take the place of Saul a king of Israel. 1 Sam. 16:1-12.

He used David to slay Goliath. 1 Sam. 17:45.

He used Solomon to build the first temple. 1 Kings 6.

He used Nebuchadnezzar to fulfill the prophecy of Jeremiah. Jer. 25:1-12. 2 Chron. 36.

He used Nehemiah to rebuild the walls that were destroyed during the destruction of Jerusalem. Neh. 6:16. So the walls were finished on the 25th day of the month Elul (probably September) in fifty and two days. Verse (16) And it came to pass that when all our enemies heard thereof and all the heathen that were about us saw these things they were much cast down in their own eyes for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.

He used Isaiah to prophesy of the coming kingdom. Isa. 13.

He used Ezekiel to prophesy to the dry bones. Ezek. 37.

He used Daniel to interpret the King's dreams. Dan. 2 and 5.

He used Joel to foretell the latter rain. Joel 2:28.

He used Amos to warn them that are at ease in Zion. Amos 6:1.

He used Jonah to preach to Nineveh without excuse. Jonah 1.

He used Micah to tell a part of the last days. Micah 4:1.

He used Nahum to tell us of the chariots. Nahum 2:4.

He used Habakkuk to tell us of the submarines (men of fishes). Hab. 1:14.

He used Zephaniah to tell us to get together. Zeph. 2:1.

He used Haggai to teach us against slothfulness. (Be sure to read) Hag. 1:4.

He used Zechariah to tell us about holiness on the bells of the horses. Zech. 14.

He used Malachi to tell us that we are robbers if we hold our tithes back. Mal. 3:8.

He used Jesus. He used John the Baptist. He used Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, in fact He used all the disciples even in feeding the five thousand, He

VICTORY IN THE STATE OF OHIO

AKRON, Ohio—I want to report victory over the devil in the State of Ohio, but before I tell you about it, I want to state what Asaph said in Psa. 81:1-3, "Sing aloud unto God our strength; make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob."

Take a Psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.

Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.

Now beloved, I just feel like Asaph did. He left us this wonderful record and told us to sing aloud and to make a joyful noise unto the Lord so I do not know any better but just to do as he says. Thank the Lord.

The church at Struthers, Ohio has been sowing seed for several months and we thank the Lord for taking root in the good ground.

Sister Hellen Morrow, of Akron, Ohio came to Struthers and helped us and the God of Jacob gave the increase, therefore the church here is rejoicing in the Lord and singing unto Him songs that are pleasing in His sight.

During the four weeks meeting, 5 were saved, 5 sanctified, 3 were baptized with the Holy Ghost and 13 were added to the Church of God, also more to come in later.

We thank the people of Struthers for standing by us, especially the Mayor and Chief of Police. The crowds were so large some nights that it took two officers to keep the crowd in order.

The Evangelist was invited to have dinner with the mayor at his home and also other places of which she went to all.

Beloved, let us hold our peace, but sing and praise God, for He wants to be glorified. Let us exalt Him above everything. Let us look up for our redemption draweth nigh.—J. C. Cresty.

YOUNG PEOPLE ON FIRE FOR GOD

HEFLIN, Ala.—I'm thankful to say that this morning finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and am a member of the Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth. I truly believe we have a few who are rooted and grounded in her because we believe it is the church that Jesus spoke of, saying: "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." I praise the Lord this morning for the dear little Evangel which is food to my soul. I read of the good works the people are doing for the Lord and it makes my soul hunger and thirst to get out and work for Him. I have only been in this way a short time, and I surely praise God for the peace I have had since I started. Oh it is wonderful to serve the Lord and to just let Him have His way with us. The way is growing brighter every day, it makes me want to go on and see what the end will be, but I feel sure that if we keep pressing on and listen to the voice of God when we come to our journey's end we will receive a bright and shining crown. How often we breathe a prayer to God that we may live Christ-like and that our works may be acceptable in His sight, but when the answer comes it leads in the way of the cross.

Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient unto death. Sometimes we have trials and temptations and it seems most impossible for us to stand, but the Lord will come to our rescue just in time to save us from the hands of Satan, and we can go ahead and fight our battle with faith and praise God for His goodness unto us. I am a young girl and desire your prayers that I may spend the rest of my life for God and His service. There are only a few young people at this place, but we are on fire for God. Pray for me that I may be a soul-winner for Jesus.

Clara Gentry, R. F. D. 8.

used the disciples in healing the sick. He had them lay hands on but He does the work and He uses them in taking in members into the Church and turning them out and in supplying the needs of the church. He uses His saints.

RESULTS OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS. WAS IT A BLESSING?

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tempted forty days by Satan; after this He began to preach and called His disciples; chose His twelve apostles; taught the people everywhere for about three years and a half; left His apostles here to continue His work and He ascended to heaven to sit on the right hand of His Father.

Being at the right hand of the Father Jesus sent the Holy Ghost as a Comforter and leader to His followers. The disciples having received the Holy Ghost and power began preaching everywhere especially the apostles. Soon persecutions arose and the Christians endured hardships.

Great numbers were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and rejoiced in the Lord; but as Jesus suffered on the cross so all of them had their cross to bear. Trouble came on every hand, they were scattered, many killed and even all the apostles became martyrs except John the beloved.

After having preached a while Stephen was stoned to death because of the doctrine he taught, but he went to sleep with a smile, praying for those who killed him. Peter being old and full of years was crucified with his head down about the same time that Paul was beheaded. It is said of James, John's brother that the man who led him out to be killed, seeing him bearing this testimony, became a Christian and asked John to forgive him, John said, "Peace be to thee," so they were both killed by the sword at the same time at Herod's command.

Now this Jesus that was to bring peace did not bring peace in a natural way, but to the soul. Although the children of God have been persecuted all down the ages yet they have had peace with God while the people of the world have no peace and cannot find it.

In celebrating Christmas we are afraid that many have the wrong thought of it, for we are sure that it should not be celebrated with fire crackers and other fire arms as is Armistice day or the Fourth of July; but solemnly and calmly we should worship and thank God for the gift of His Son 2500 years ago. We cannot conceive that on that first Christmas day there was shooting and all kind of unnecessary noise going on but they were happy and rejoicing in the Lord because a Saviour was born.

Thousands have suffered a martyr's death for the gospel that Jesus preached, yes, it looked hard to have to burn at the stake etc., but, yet, what is or will be more blessed than to wear a martyr's crown. Let us do like John Huss of Bohemia when tied to the stake to be burned said "I will seal the gospel I preach with my blood," so he did.

The world was groping under bondage of Catholicism and had been ever since the church had begun to conform to the world; when church and state was joined under Constantine the King of Rome until Huss and Jerome began the reformation in Bohemia. They were soon martyred. Then Martin Luther of Germany began his protest against the Catholic and there we got our name Protestant because we protested against Catholicism.

Now friend, God has delivered us from all of these bondages; given us a free country and good laws to protect our worship and allow us to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience, without any one having authority to interfere.

As we have the best country, best government, best people and most everything heart could wish for; surrounded with wealth, health and prosperity and full salvation: saved sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and belong to the great Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth, Why should we not be the happiest people on earth?

Now let us all draw nigh to God and praise Him because of our freedom, happiness and joy which are some more of the results of Christ's birth on the first Christmas. When we get to heaven we can see the result of the first Christmas in full and meet all of God's people, even all of those who were crowned with martyrdom by the Catholic

IN MEMORY OF

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

ISOM

On October 26, 1925 the death angel visited the home of Mr. John Isom and claimed his daughter Ruby; age 17 years.

She leaves to mourn her loss, father, one brother, three sisters, three grandparents and a host of relatives and friends.

Ruby will be greatly missed by her home, church and friends as was her mother, one brother and sister who have preceded her unto the home of the soul.

She was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost with her church membership at Sesser, Illinois.

Funeral service conducted by Brother Lee Jones.

A loving one from us is gone,

A voice we loved is stilled;

A place is vacant in our home,

Which never can be filled.

May Gods richest blessings rest upon the family in time of their bereavement.—Walter Scott, Sesser, Ill.

GILSTRAP

On October 11, 1925, at ten o'clock, the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister H. D. Gilstrap and claimed for its victim their little infant baby, Hazel, age 1 month.

She leaves to mourn her death, father, mother, 4 brothers, 4 sisters, a host of relatives and friends.

Of course it is hard to give up those we love so well, and God alone knows how much we miss her, but He knows best. She cannot return to us, but we can go to her. Praise the Lord.

Funeral service was conducted by Brother Bunyan Belcher at the home of the deceased, and the body was laid to rest in the Pelzer Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

Somewhere our baby is dwelling,

Somewhere she is living today;

Somewhere she dwells with Jesus,

Somewhere she's looking this way.

One who loved her,
J. B. Turner, Pelzer, S. C.

HUDSON

On November 10, 1925, the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Hudson and claimed their little two year old son. We know this makes heaven even dearer to them to know that this precious little one is resting there in the arms of Jesus. How our hearts ached for them in their grief, but their loss is heaven's gain.

Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast,
There by His love o'ershadowed,
Sweetly my soul shall rest.

Mrs. P. E. Taylor, Ft. White, Fla.

SMITH

On November 10th, 1925 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Pittsburg, Illinois and claimed their precious baby, Vivian Deloris Smith, age 9 months and 24 days.

All was done that loving hands could do but God in His wisdom took this precious little darling to dwell with Him. She was only a flower budding on earth to bloom in heaven.

She leaves to mourn her death a father, mother, one brother and two sisters together with a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral service was conducted by Brother Webb McAnnally of Johnston City and the remains were laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery to await the coming of Christ who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Webb McAnnally.

STRANGE

The death angel visited our community and claimed one of our oldest citizens, Brother R. G. Strange of Fort White, Fla. who went to meet his maker Sunday morning, November 29; age 77 years. He was a civil war veteran and a great friend of the Church of God which was set in order in one of his farm buildings, where the writer received the Holy Ghost. Brother Strange's health has been failing for several weeks, and all was done for him that loving hands could do, but God saw fit to call him home where suffering and sorrow have fled away.

He leaves to mourn his loss, several children and a heart broken wife, who is a faithful member of the Church of God at Fort White, Florida.

"In that land there'll be no sorrow,
And no tears will dim the eye
But there'll be a bright tomorrow,
In the golden by and by."

Mrs. P. E. Taylor.

TOMPKINS

On Oct. 14, 1925, the death angel visited the home of Vestner and Johnnie Tompkins and claimed their baby, J. P. Tompkins age one month and two days. All that loving hands could do was done, but God saw fit to call him home. We know our loss is heaven's gain.

Little J. P. had one sister which has already gone to the great beyond. He leaves to mourn his loss, father, mother, many relatives and friends.

His remains were laid to rest in the Air Line Cemetery to await the resurrection morning. We had a treasure once, he was our joy and pride; we loved him, oh, perhaps too well, for soon he slept and died.

A friend,
Ruthie Mae Williams.

SHARP

On November 22, 1925, the death angel visited the home of Sister Jennie Sharp and claimed her husband, James H. Sharp; age 54 years and two days. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, and twelve children. The funeral was conducted by the writer and his body laid to rest in the Fur-

ics, Mohammedans, Pagans, kings and rulers.

rell cemetery to await the resurrection. Brother Sharp was one of the pioneers for the Church of God in this parish. He was somewhat easy to become discouraged but would rally to the front again and declare that the Church of God was right.

He suffered many things for the Church of God, and will be greatly missed in the church. One of the pioneers will be vacant. We do not mourn as one without hope but look forward to the judgment day.—His pastor, Wm. H. Black, Kentwood, La.

TEASTER

On October 24, the death angel visited our home and claimed our darling little Samuel; age 2 years, 2 months and 17 days. All was done for him that loving hands could do but God knew best and took him to glory to be with Him. It is impossible to call our loved ones back but we can go to him if we will only pay the price.

Little Samuel took his sickness with happiness. He would sing and wring his little hands. It grieves our hearts to know we will never see him any more on earth but thank God if we stand true we will be with him some day.

He leaves to mourn his death his father, mother, brothers and sisters and a host of friends and relatives. He was laid to rest in the Sunburst Cemetery to await the resurrection of the dead.

His mother,
Mae Teaster, Sunburst, N. C.

MOODY

On November 19, 1925, Grandma Moody slipped away to heaven to live with Jesus. She will be greatly missed by many, but we feel that our loss is heaven's gain. She was born March 7, 1844; age 81 years, 8 months and 19 days. By far, the greatest part of her life was spent following Jesus, lending a helping hand in every way she could.

I believe she belonged to the Methodist church for a number of years after she was converted and was a blessing to the church, but when she heard holiness preached and the light was turned on her pathway, walked therein and lived it until she heard the baptism of the Holy Ghost preached, when she received it and lived it 365 days each year till the end came. She saw the light on the Church of God and accepted it as she did the other blessings and has for a number of years been a loyal member of the Church of God and worked hard for its interest.

As we stood by her casket at the cemetery, were reminded of Acts 9:36, 39, "Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas; this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did."

"Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber; and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them."

We have had the privilege of stepping into her home many times for the last fifteen years and would find her busy, making quilts. She was a great hand to make quilts for the Lord's work and she said the Lord gave her a job, over forty years ago, praying for the preachers and I am sure we will miss her prayers and kind words which she had for all.

I visited her just a short time before she went away to be with Jesus, and she told me that she was anxious to go home and be with Jesus, so it was not long till He let her go to be with the redeemed ones. Some sweet day we will meet her here on that bright eternal shore, where there will be no death nor parting, no pain or sighing.

She fought a good fight, she finished her course, and kept the faith, and went on to get the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give.

She will be looking for us to come soon, so let us all live true and go to meet her some of these days. Her sainted husband, Brother Moody went on just a few years ago, and has been waiting for her to come. She is survived by three daughters, one son other relatives and a host of friends that will miss her.

Her body was laid to rest in the Pelote Cemetery where her husband and several relatives were laid away to wait the resurrection morning, when the dead in Christ shall rise to meet the Lord in the air. Just a little while to labor, just a little while to wait, till we too shall go sleeping through the pearly gate. The bereaved have our sympathy but we sorrow not as those without hope.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." The funeral was conducted by the writer.—J. A. Self, Wimauma, Fla.

THE SAINTS REVIVED AND ENCOURAGED

UNION CITY, Tenn.—I wish to sound a note of praise to the Church of God Evangel for the pleasure of enjoying full and free salvation through the precious blood of Jesus. I'm thankful to report that I'm saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

I also count it a wonderful privilege to be added to the dear old Church of God, which is the pillar and ground of the truth.

We have just been in a revival at Kenton, where the Lord met with us in great power. His presence was felt and manifested in a wonderful way.

We sure had a good meeting with Brother Graves in charge. The saints were very much revived and encouraged.

Pray for the church at Kenton, Tennessee that we may be able to overcome every temptation.—Mrs. Nora J. Hunter.

BIBLE Training School

T. S. PAYNE, Superintendent

A STUDENT FROM GEORGIA

I want to thank God for His goodness, mercy and love. I know it is through Him that I am spared this side of eternity today. I praise Him for the way He is blessing and keeping me and for providing the way for me to attend the Bible School.

I am just delighted to be here in the school. We are having a good time, singing, praying and rejoicing in the Lord in the schoolroom every day, and we all feel that it is good to be here, praise the Lord. We gladly welcome new students into the school each week. It is truly wonderful how the Lord is blessing in this part of the work of the Church of God. It is the delight of my soul to see so many of our young people and older ones as well, take such an active part in this great work for the cause we love so well.

Christmas is fast approaching and many little hearts are looking forward to that good day, while there are many children living in luxuries they do not know how to appreciate small gifts and toys like the poor little off-casts of the world do. True enough, Christmas brings sad memories to many of us, but let us all look up with thanksgiving hearts. "For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11.—Lola Hazlewood.

STUDENT FROM FLORIDA

Christmas comes but once a year and if I testify you should not care, for I am in the Bible School where we live the life, testify, sing, pray and shout. These four things keeps the devil out. We take one subject and discuss it until we come to one accord, for we know after April 17, we will be scattered abroad. We study all day and part of the night for we know when we depart, we'll have a hard fight. We search the Word from lid to lid.

I thank the Lord that I have found the place for which my soul has been longing. I had been restless for some time and did not know what was the matter with me. I tried to content myself by thinking my ability for the service of the Lord was too weak to make a success for the Lord. I never once thought that I would sometime be a student of the Bible School. I only reached about the fifth grade in Grammar School and the enemy tried to make me doubt whether the Superintendent would take a student like that or not, but I came to the Assembly and by asking a few questions I found that I was the kind of a fellow they would take. Yes, the one that needs to know something is the very one they want, so I told Brother Payne that he had one that didn't know but little, but I do know one thing the Lord spared my life while I rambled over about seventeen different states, hobnobbing a good portion of the time, and let me come out without a scratch, also just before I heard holiness preached, I was hung in machinery that tore my clothes from me and the Lord cared for me through it all, so when I began to hear holiness preached, conviction seized me and after about thirty-seven days of hard seeking I found Him precious to me, then I decided to try and do my best for the Lord. I thought I could never be able to do anything but live the life, but to my surprise I am in the Bible School and expect to come again if I have a chance. I tried to get out by helping others. I gave two hundred dollars last term to others, that they might equip themselves for the battle against the enemy. Please pray for the Bible School for I am sure that God is here.—W. S. Jackson.

STUDENT FROM MISSISSIPPI

I praise the Lord for the opportunity of attending the Bible School and truly think this a grand place to be. This is my first term but hope it will not be my last.

During the Assembly, when the Bible students marched upon the stage, a desire to stay for school seized me, inasmuch that I began to pray that a way might be provided. So, at what

seemed to be the last moment the way was opened and I am here, thank the Lord.

This is a place to better equip ourselves for the work of which we are called to do and that is what we are here for. I'm glad that the Church of God has a place of this kind, because we are living in an age of improvement and if we don't improve some along, we'll come up short of our duty.

We learn many good things here. We pray, sing, shout and are having a good time in the Lord.

One good advantage of this school, is that we all study together, making it possible to study a subject from every angle. This makes it plain enough for everybody to see it the same way.

We have a large attendance and more coming in all along. In the course of a few years a school building will be necessary to accommodate the students. I want to see this thing move on and I am going to do all within my power to push it forward. If everybody will push, you'll see the Church of God shine more. I want to do everything I can to advance the cause of Christ.

I feel the call to go and I mean to go if it costs my life. My whole heart, mind, soul and strength is in this thing.

Pray for the school.—J. B. Cole.

CHRISTMAS IS HERE

By a Student from Alabama

Another year has rolled around, and we are made to rejoice and feel glad not because we have gained so much of this world's goods, but because we have Jesus in our hearts and have the privilege of attending the Bible School.

We think of the little babe, born in Bethlehem of Judea about 1925 years ago, to be the Saviour of the world, who came forth to be a guiding star to lost men and women, as the star was to the wise men. He bore the hardships, persecution, temptations etc., just to make a way for us, that we could have this wonderful salvation. Don't you think that is the best Christmas present that was ever offered to man? God has offered His Son once for all that we might inherit eternal life through His blood, and we ought not to neglect so great a salvation. Just think of the wonderful gifts the wise men brought and gave to the little babe, showing their appreciation of Him.

Have we laid our gifts on the altar to Him as freely as they did or as freely as He came here to die for us?

Could we lay ourselves on the altar this Christmas and promise God that we will be better tools in His hands in bringing this gift to many souls that have not the greatest gift of all gifts?

I appreciate the privilege of attending the Bible School and truly thank God that we have a School where we can better prepare ourselves for the ministry.

Now if you have not the go ye spirit in you, just come to the Bible School—The place where God wonderfully blesses.

Pray for us.—M. D. Harwood.

SALVATION FOR THE YOUNG

How I thank God for this blessed way. I thank Him for salvation. I truly thank Him for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost.

I have a great determination to go all the way with the Lord. I want to make heaven my home.

I am a girl 16 years old. I truly love this way. I do not enjoy the pleasures of this world, but thanks be to God, I place my hopes on things above. It makes me feel good in my soul to know that I am a Christian.

Your sister in Christ,
Willie B. Chester.

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In two works of grace, justification by faith, and sanctification, the second work of grace in the heart, God destroys actual and inbred sin completely out of the life. Then He gives the gift of the Holy Ghost upon the clean, sanctified life, and endues you with power to go into all the world and preach the Gospel.

The first work of grace is justification. God destroys the desire for the things of the world out of your life, when you become a child of God; and you walk as a "new creature in Christ Jesus." However, the carnal nature, the root of depravity is still in the heart; and not until the soul is sanctified wholly, by a second, definite, instantaneous work of grace, is the root of sin eradicated and put to death. (Rom. 6:6.) The child of God then lives a sanctified life in Christ Jesus.

God is faithful to every soul that is born again, and He Himself places the hunger in the heart for more of God. He leads you into a deeper consecration of your life to Him; and when you receive the wonderful experience of sanctification, you enter into a rest with God that cannot be described.

It seems the darts of the enemy cannot strike the sanctified heart. Your heart is encased as with a shield. The opposition may come thick and fast, the very powers of the enemy may be arrayed against you; but the "hidden treasure," way down in the heart, shuts out all turmoil, and gives perfect peace and rest. The darts of the enemy do not touch the life "hid with Christ in God," or mar the perfect peace of the heart that is sanctified wholly.

You must receive this experience to know the joy, the communion, the oneness with God that it brings. Then it becomes easy to love the Lord your God with all the heart, with a perfect, divine love. All the heart, cleaves to the will of God the Father. The graces of the sanctified life, and the fruits of the soul that is sanctified wholly, are found in the 13th Chapter of 1 Corinthians.

Then comes the hunger in the soul for the endowment of power for service—not a work of grace, but the gift of power upon the clean, sanctified life. Jesus said, when He was about to be taken up into Heaven, "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on High." (Luke 24:49.)

The baptism of the Holy Ghost is the baptism of power for service. No one can receive it except those who are sanctified wholly, living a holy, sanctified life. The disciples were sanctified before they were baptized with the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost. Jesus prayed for them in the power of the Spirit, that they might be sanctified. (John 17:17.) Then He appeared to them after He was risen from the dead, and removed all doubt and fear out of their hearts, and breathed on them and said, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." (John 20:22.) It was then they received the witness of their sanctification. The Holy Spirit comes into the heart when the soul is sanctified, and witnesses to the work of sanctification, but this is not the baptism of the Holy Ghost. To baptize means to "dip or plunge," which is different from the "witness of the Spirit." After that Jesus walked with His disciples forty days, and prepared them for this great Gift that was soon to fall upon their lives, and after He ascended, they returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. (Luke 24:52, 53.)

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, was sent from Heaven as a rushing, mighty wind. Cloven tongues like as of fire sat upon each of them; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:1-4.) The place was filled where they were sitting, and they were immersed in the Holy Ghost. Great power was given unto them. The timid and shrinking became bold, and declared the wonderful works of God.

Fourteen different nations

heard them speak and praise and magnify God in their own tongue. And the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. The sick were healed, the dead raised; the lame leaped and walked. God gives power today to win souls for Christ, to witness and do the great works Jesus has called us to do.

These are the three most wonderful experiences that God has for His people today. Justification by faith and sanctification by faith are the two works of grace necessary to purify the heart and life from all actual committed and inbred sin. Then God sends the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost, the endowment of power, upon the clean, sanctified life. You cannot receive these experiences without consecrating your life and vowing your all to God. There was no covenant made with God in days of old without a sacrifice. That which was true in the Old Testament is true in the New.

It is absolutely necessary for every child of God to seek for these wonderful experiences that God has laid in His plan of redemption. God will give you perfect victory in the face of the severest trials. This has been the experience of thousands of God's saints down the ages, from the time of the apostles.

Lay your all on the altar, make an entire consecration of your life to God. Present your body a living sacrifice unto Him, and the power of God will fall upon your life. The Blood of Jesus will cleanse and make you holy, and He will come into His temple to abide and rule supreme in your heart and life; and the peace of God that passeth understanding will be yours continually.

Written by

Mr. E. Lester Poe,
Independence, Virginia.

Orphanage Report

FOR THE WEEK ENDING DEC. 12.

S. S. Anderson, S. C., \$2.21; Church, Harrisburg, Ill., \$.50; Church, Brighton, Mo., \$1.00; Church, Winchester, Ky., \$1.75; Church, Ferndale, Fla., \$.18; Church, Milton, W. Va., \$.25; Church, Angerona, W. Va., \$.89; S. S. Struthers, O., \$.74; Church, Cantwell, Mo., \$.24; S. S. Phoenix City, Ala., \$.23; W. S. Wilmon, Boaz, Ala., \$.27; S. S. Belltown, Tenn., \$.15; S. S. Birthday offering, Lakewood, Fla., \$.75; A. B. Waldrop, Belmont, Miss., \$1.00; S. S. Davisboro, Ga., \$1.00; Solicited by Chas. H. Walker, Harlan, Ky., \$.40.00; Dan O'Neal, Bristol, Tenn., \$.51; S. S. Walbridge, O., \$.34; Church, Offerman, Ga., \$1.59; Church, Walhalla, S. C., \$.20; Church, Salisbury, Md., \$.13; Church, Okeechobee, Fla., \$1.00; Church, Smyrna, Tenn., \$.34; Mrs. G. W. Martin, Chatt. Tenn., \$1.00; S. S. Dora, Ala., \$.70; Bethel S. S. Lubbock, Tex., \$.70; R. H. Vaught, Lego, W. Va., \$.39; Church, Anniston, Ala., \$.75; Church, Electra, Tex., \$.35; Zettie Carter, Peoria, Miss., \$1.00; Church, Selma, N. C., \$.35; W. J. Thomas, Okeechobee, Fla., \$.96; A. L. Ellis, Plainview, Tex., \$.14.00; Church, Augusta, Ga., \$1.75.

FOR THE WEEK ENDING DEC. 12 FROM PINE LEVEL, N. C., for the 4 Peterson girls, the following: Mrs. Ella C. Starling—4 pieces gingham, 9 yds.; Mrs. Minnie Brownell—3 yds. gingham. From Selma, N. C., Mrs. Fannie Williams—2 yds. gingham; Mrs. Bertie Holland—1 jumper; Mrs. Katie Van—4 hdkfs.; Mrs. Rosa Ennis—3 1/4 yds. gingham.

FROM L. CHEEK, EUTAW, ALA.: 2 bars soap; 4 yds. gingham.

FROM SARAH E. GRIFFORD, Desloge, Mo.: 1 bolt outing; 12 spoons thd.; 6 cards buttons.

FROM T. A. MURRAY, Cleveland, Tenn.: 1 lb. butter and deduction from milk bill \$1.00.

"LIFT HIM UP."

NAPLES, Fla.—Jno. 12:32. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me."

The day has come when Jesus must be lifted up in His fullness to draw all men unto Him. Some of every nation and every class will be drawn unto Jesus as we lift Him up by our lives. Let us not sit idle all the days and wait for some sick one to call on us to pray for them but let us talk to them every chance we have and tell them of Jesus' power to heal. Surely the Lord will bless our every efforts. How can we know who might receive the Lord if we only lift Him up to them. God commendeth all men everywhere to repent, but many do not know what steps to take to find the Lord, they only need someone to tell them of Jesus. We all should do our bit to help spread the gospel and in order to succeed, we must live pure and undefiled before God.

I want to do my bit that I may be able to gain heaven at the end of the way, for I realize there is a crown awaiting the

DIVINE HEALING

HEALED OF INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM

Mrs. Reese Pethel, Kannapolis, N. C., writes that she is saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God, and praises God for His healing power. Her little girl was suffering with throat trouble, she had a handkerchief anointed and prayed over by Brother Rouse and she was healed. God has also healed her body when she was almost at the point of death. Once she was past walking and could hardly bear to be turned in bed. Her children became uneasy and called the doctor, he pronounced it inflammatory rheumatism and she began taking medicine. She became worse and finally decided to put her trust in God and said she was coming out of bed in Jesus' name. She came out leaping and dancing under the mighty power of God, healed. Praise His name. He can heal when everything else fails. She writes this for the glory of God, hoping that it will encourage some one else to believe in God's power to heal. She desires prayer that she may be just what God would have her be.

Child Healed of Fits

I am praising God for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. I am not tired of this way of holiness but the way grows brighter and I enjoy the blessing more each day. I am glad we have a Father who knows and understands all our needs. I am praising the Lord for His healing power and that I ever learned to trust Him for the healing of my body. I also praise Him for healing my little girl of fits by the laying on of an anointed handkerchief. Pray that I may ever keep humble and do the will of God.
Ida Guthrie.

MORE TIME SHOULD BE SPENT IN PRAYER

PARISH, Fla.—Tonight still finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

We have many trials and temptations along this way but we're aware that the Lord will not put more upon us than we are able to bear. Praise the Lord.

I truly praise God for the Church of God and its teachings.

The great camp meeting which we had at Wimauma was a feast to my soul. Many received the blessing and followed the Lord in water baptism.

We need more, preachers more people who will step out for the Lord.

I have only had the blessing about four months but can truthfully say, I have enjoyed the presence of the Lord more in that length of time than all my life before.

I used to want to go to parties, but I'm thankful to say that desire is taken out. We can't hold the Lord in one hand and the world in the other.

We often hear people say, they are not as strong now as they once were. You know the reason is because they are leaning too much toward the world and forgetting to read and pray. I believe we should spend more time fasting and praying for I feel that we can never pray too much.

Sometimes I have such severe spells of indigestion that it seems I can hardly live but I am trusting God and ask the saints to pray for my entire healing.

A revival was held here in September. There were two saved and I am sure all were blest. Pray for me that I may stand true, for if I know my heart I want to do the will of the Lord.—Hallie Turner.

HEALED OF INFLUENZA

We are praising Jesus for saving, sanctifying and filling us with the Holy Ghost. Also for His healing power. The saints prayed for us when we had the flu and He healed us, He has also healed us since that time. To Him be all honor and praise.
Lucille and Tincie Hughes, Chapmansboro, Tenn.

faithful. Pray for me, also my unsaved husband.—Mrs. J. E. Goodson.

Handkerchief Applied to Body.

ANNISTON, Ala.—I am praising God for victory over sin and the devil and for the way He is keeping me each day.

I praise the Lord for His healing power. Some time ago, I sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse and when it returned, the power of God struck my body as soon as I took hold of the letter. I began dancing and when I reached mother, she tried to open the envelope and the power struck her and so until every member of the family was dancing praising God under the power for about thirty minutes before we knelt for prayer and applied the handkerchief. I was completely healed that hour.

I am twelve years of age and am glad Jesus is blessing the young as well as the old in these last days in which we're living.
—Ruth Floyd.

Letter to Brother Rouse

I am glad to write you and report victory in Jesus' name. I have been a constant sufferer for over a year and intended going to the Assembly, but was not able to go, so I requested a handkerchief be sent me, so one day last week I received the handkerchief and glory to God, I could feel the healing power as soon as I took hold of the envelope, I opened it in haste and placed it on my side and praise the Lord I was healed.

I want the world to know what a dear Saviour Jesus is to me. I am in His care, soul and body. Praise His name. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and belong to the Church of God. I am proud of my place in the church and love her rules and government. I know it is right for it is the way of the Lord. Praise the Lord.

Your sister in Christ,
Almira Smith,
Millport, Ala.

DESIRE TO BE FAITHFUL

I praise the dear Lord for picking me up out of sin, saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost.

I have been in this way about one year and am not tired of it in the least. I mean to go all the way.

Pray that I may be faithful till the end.

Your brother in Jesus,
Robert Whitfield,
Louisville, Ky.

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